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TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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SUBJECT: US-TUNISIAN JOINT COMMISSION: PREPARATIONS

REF: A. TUNIS 6088 B. S-ATE 208312 C. TUNIS 6086

D. TUNIS 6132 E. TUNIS 6160

1. ORGANIZATION: RECOGNIZE VALUE IN EMBASSY PROPOSAL TO  
HAVE PRINCIPALS SET TONE FOR SUBSEQUENT SUBCOMMISSION  
MEETINGS BY ATTENDING AND GIVING STATEMENTS IN OPENING  
PLENARY (REF A) BUT PREFERENCE HERE REMAINS FOR PRINCIPALS  
TO USE THE LIMITED TIME THEY WILL HAVE AVAILABLE TO REVIEW  
SUBCOMMISSION REPORTS, SIGN AGREED MINUTES, ISSUE  
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COMMUNIQUE, AND MEET WITH PRESS ON FINAL DAY. DECISIONS

ON THIS QUESTION STILL PENDING. RE AGRIBUSINESS AGENDA ITEM, WE CONCUR WITH EMBASSY THAT AID AND INVESTMENT ASPECTS SHOULD NOT BE DEALT WITH IN ISOLATION. WHILE SUBCOMMISSION CHAIRMEN DO NOT WISH TO HOLD JOINT SESSION ON AGRIBUSINESS, WE BELIEVE INTERESTED US AND TUNISIAN OFFICIALS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND DISCUSSIONS OF THIS ITEM IN BOTH SUBCOMMISSIONS, WHICH WOULD NATURALLY NEED TO BE SCHEDULED AT SEPARATE TIMES.

2. AGENDA: WE CONCUR IN STREAMLINED AGENDA SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY, WITH EXCEPTION THAT ITEM 2B UNDER "TRADE" SHOULD

BE REVISED TO READ "ARRANGEMENTS FOR US ADVICE ON EXPORTS." FYI. WE ARE EXAMINING CURRENTLY WAYS TO INVOLVE U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR (E.G, RESIDENT US BANKS) IN HELPING TUNISIANS FIND EXPORT MARKETS. END FYI. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS OF SUBCOMMISSION AGENDAS WITH GOT, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT ORGANIZATION OF PLENARIES AND ATTENDANCE OF PRINCIPALS WILL BE RESOLVED SEPARATELY.

3. POSITION PAPERS: WE WELCOME EMBASSY INTENT TO PROVIDE INPUT ON TOPICS BEYOND THOSE ASSIGNED. IN ADDITION TO SUBCOMMISSION PAPERS LISTED IN REF B, WE PLAN TO PREPARE BACKGROUND PAPER ON FIVE-YEAR PLAN, TO EXTENT THAT TUNISIANS HAVE BRIEFED US ON IT TO DATE, AND EMBASSY ANALYSES WILL BE HELPFUL.

4. AID PROGRAM AT JC: WE ARE REVIEWING AMBASSADOR'S THOUGHTFUL SUGGESTIONS IN REF C, AND AID/W WILL BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE AT JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. WE WILL ADVISE FURTHER ON STATUS OF THESE EFFORTS.

5. RETURN OF US PERSONNEL: APPRECIATE OFFER OF ASSISTANCE BY EMBASSY OFFICER ONE WEEK PRIOR TO JC MEETING. RE ATTENDANCE BY API REP HOEVELER, WE CONCUR THAT EMBASSY SHOULD LEAVE REPRESENTATION TO TUNISIANS (REF D) BUT WE ARE PLEASED THAT API IS LIKELY TO BE REPRESENTED.

6. LOUISIANA FRENCH LANGUAGE PROGRAM: AGREEMENT FOR EXCHANGE CURRENTLY BEING WORKED OUT BETWEEN PARTICIA PAYNE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(TUNIS-BASED AFME REP) AND COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH LANGUAGE IN LOUISIANA (SPONSORED BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION), AND IS EXPECTED TO BE CONCLUDED IN FORTHCOMING WEEKS.

7. DATES (REF E): WE ARE EXPLORING OPTION OF HOLDING SUBCOMMISSION MEETING IN PERIOD OCTOBER 5-12, BUT AT THE MOMENT WEEK OF OCTOBER 18 APPEARS MORE PROMISING FROM

STANDPOINT OF SECRETARY'S POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION. WE  
WILL ADVISE FURTHER.

8. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVICE SOONEST ON TENTATIVE COMPOSITION  
OF TUNISIAN DELEGATION, IN PARTICULAR TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS  
EXPECTED FOR SUBCOMMISSION MEETINGS. ROBINSON

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